



Codex News - February 16, 2018

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Upcoming Public Meetings

Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

The U.S. Codex Office will conduct a public meeting on February 22, 2018, from 1:00-4:00 pm at the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, Room 1A-001, 5001 Campus Drive, College Park, Maryland 20740. The purpose of this public meeting is to present draft US positions on the topics to be discussed at the upcoming session of the CCCF meeting in Utrecht,

Netherlands. Persons interested in attending the public meeting in person or by teleconference are requested to register in advance by providing their name, organizational affiliation, and contact information to Doreen Chen-Moulelec (doreen.chen-moulelec@fsis.usda.gov) by February 20 for clearance. For those who would like to participate by telephone, please use the following Call-in information: 1-888-844-9904; Participant Code: 5126092#. The proposed agenda and relevant documents for this session are available at <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCCF&session=12>.

Electronic Working Groups (eWG) and Work by Correspondence

Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

CCFL invites Members and Observers to join an eWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by the United States and Costa Rica, working in English and Spanish, to further develop the proposed draft guidance on the labelling of non-retail containers of foods. Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions to the eWG should contact Barbara McNiff in the U.S. Codex Office (barbara.mcniciff@fsis.usda.gov) by February 26, 2018. Other Codex members and Observers should send their full contact details via their Codex Contact Points to aditya@nddb.coop and codex-india@nic.in with a copy to Daniel.Reese@fda.hhs.gov; Andrea.Krause@fda.hhs.gov; and mflores@meic.go.cr by February 28, 2018. Please note that the eWG will work on the Codex online platform and therefore only one individual may represent each country/observer in the forum.

Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV)

The United States, as host country of CCPFV, invites Members and Observers to participate in work by correspondence on the establishment of a work plan for the development of Codex standards for processed fruits and vegetables. The languages for this work by correspondence will be English, French, and Spanish. The specific mandate for this work is as follows:

- prioritize work on the proposals for new work and pending work on the review of the existing standards;
- prepare a work plan to address its overall work; and
- prepare recommendations for CAC41 on the establishment of electronic working groups (EWGs) to carry out standard-development work, as prioritized in the work plan, for consideration by a physical meeting of CCPFV to be held in 2019.

Individuals in the United States interested in working on the U.S. contributions, as well as other Codex members and Observers should send their full contact details via their Codex Contact Points to ccpfv2018@fsis.usda.gov with a copy to uscodex@fsis.usda.gov by March 15, 2018. Please note that the work by correspondence will operate on the Codex online platform and therefore only one individual may represent each country/observer in the forum.

Request for Comments

Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/3-CF) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed draft maximum levels for methylmercury in fish, including associated sampling plans. The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response to this CL, please send your comments to U.S. Delegate Lauren Robin (lauren.robin@fda.hhs.gov) and Doreen Chen-Moulelec in the U.S. Codex Office (Doreen.chen-moulelec@fsis.usda.gov) by



February 28, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments directly to the CCCF Secretariat (info@codexalimentarius.nl) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by March 7, 2018.

Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

The Codex Secretariat has issued a Circular Letter (CL 2018/19-FA) requesting comments at Step 3 on the proposed changes and/or addition to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CXG 36-1989). The CL is currently available in English on the Codex Website at the following link: www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/circular-letters/en/. If you are interested in having your comments considered in the U.S. response to this CL, please send your comments to Barbara McNiff in the U.S. Codex Office (barbara.mcniff@fsis.usda.gov) by March 5, 2018. Other Countries and Observers should send their comments directly to the CCFA Secretariat (ccfa@cfsa.net.cn) with a copy to the Codex Secretariat (codex@fao.org) by March 12, 2018.

Other

Final 85th JECFA Report: The final version of the WHO Technical Report Series No. 1008 of the 85th Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) on the evaluation of veterinary drug residues in foods (with corrected page 147) is now available on the WHO website at: <http://www.who.int/foodsafety/publications/jecfa-reports/en/>

Call for Experts and Call for Data: The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) has issued a call for experts on ciguatera food poisoning with a deadline of April 1, 2018. JECFA has also issued a call for data regarding ciguatera food poisoning, with a deadline of May 1, 2018. The calls are both available on the WHO and FAO website at:

- WHO: <http://www.who.int/foodsafety/call-data/en/> and <http://www.who.int/foodsafety/Call-experts/en/>
- FAO: <http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/>